

**SEPARATE STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONERS
MICHAEL J. COPPS AND JONATHAN S. ADELSTEIN**

Re: *Petition of Verizon for Further Forbearance from Separate Affiliate Requirements in Connection with 1+ Calls from Payphones (WC Docket No. 02-200)*

Today the Commission grants Verizon forbearance from the enforcement of Section 272 of the Communications Act in connection with 1+ calls from payphones. The Commission offers no analysis or discussion of the issues presented. This approach is troubling. By not fully engaging in a discussion of the issues presented by this petition, the Commission robs the industry—not to mention the public—of what could be useful clarity concerning application of our statutory forbearance authority.